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side, rather than centering his treatment around one of the price-determining factors, his work would have exhibited better balance and proportion, and would have been better suited to the class for which it is intended.

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Freight Rates and Manufactures in Colorado. By JOHN BURTON PHILLIPS. Boulder, Colo.: The University of Colorado Studies, December, 1909. 8vo, pp. 62. \$0.75.

This book is a valuable and instructive account of railroad freight-rate making in Colorado up to 1896, and its important influence upon the industrial development of the state. Special attention is naturally directed to conditions in Denver, showing its unique geographical position, its dependence upon long-distance railway transportation, and the destructive warfare waged against at least fourteen of its incipient industries by the railroads, allied with other great industrial combinations, through the medium of rebates, discriminations, and other ruinous rate manipulations. The main source of information is the testimony of manufacturers, merchants, and railroad officials before the Colorado Special Railroad Committee.

The National Providence Essays. By JAMES C. SMITH. London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Ltd., 1910. 8vo, pp. vi+103. 3s. 6d. net.

The National Providence is a series of essays, rather utopian in character, dealing mainly with the functions of government, the nationalization of property, the nationalization of life insurance, and the economic incorporation of the proletariat. Mr. Smith's rhetoric, though often good of its kind, darkens and perplexes the logic which it should illustrate; and in this way it deludes first himself and then his readers. He has adopted the method of the doctrinaire throughout this work, and the foundations of his theory are made out of the most flimsy materials.

By What Authority? By JOHN MUIRHEAD, LL.D. London: P. S. King & Son, 1909. 8vo, pp. vi+90. 2s.

After three-quarters of a century during which England has had no change from the principles of the Poor Law of 1834, a royal commission has just reported in favor of altering the old system. Professor Muirhead in this book, after indicating the strong and the weak points in both the majority and the minority reports, presents a plan embodying the advantages of each report.

The Vagrancy Problem. By WILLIAM HARBUTT DAWSON. London: P. S. King, 1910. 12mo, pp. xv+270. 5s.

An excellent book, the opening chapters of which present fully the growing seriousness of the vagrancy problem in England, and its unsatisfactory solution by the workhouse, casual ward, and other present agencies. There follows a